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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT).

BUDGET SESSION OF 1101.

Thursday, the 14th of Karkadagam 1101.
29th of July 1926.

The Council met for the fourth meeting of the budget session, in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m. on the 29th of July 1926, corresponding to the 14th of Karkadagam 1101, M. E. M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar Avl., M. A., B. L., the Diwan of Cochin, presided. The Deputy President—Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon—and Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, Poulo Mampilli, K. S. Rama Ayyar and H. J. Walmesly were absent. The proceedings began with Questions and Answers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The number of Chitties conducted in the State.

61. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) how many *chitties* are being conducted in the State

(a) by private individuals;

(b) by public bodies ;

(2) during the last six years

(i) how many *kuries* collapsed within one year of its starting;

(ii) how many collapsed before termination ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) & (2) The Government have no information on the points referred to.

Qualifications for Village Officers.

62. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state what the qualifications for Village Officers are ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The qualifications required are those prescribed in Article 289 of *the Land Revenue Manual*, Standing Order No. 4 and the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th August 1923, C. No. 246/98, Revenue Department, referred to in the answer to question No. 88, Vrischigam meeting of the legislative session of 1101.

63. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—How many appointments have been made in pursuance of the Diwan's Proceedings R. O. C. No. 246/98 to the effect that in future only men of wealth and influence in the locality should be appointed Village Officers, and what are their names ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A list giving the names of the Parvatiams appointed since the issue of the order referred to is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Appendix I.—Were not all these in service before they were appointed as Parvatiakkarans ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Most of them were.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Who are those who were not in the service ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No. 39. K. M. Krishnan. That is all that I remember now.

President.—All the rest were in service.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Do they satisfy the requirements of Diwan's Proceedings, R. O. C. 246/98 ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, they do.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Do they all belong to the locality in which they are appointed ?

Rao Shaib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, they all belong to the localities in which they are appointed—or to the adjoining localities, though not mathematically within the four boundaries of the particular village. Every care has been taken fn the matter of their appointments.

The promotion of Village Officers.

64. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if promotions of Village Officers are given according to service and qualification or by some other reason ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Subject to the condition that Village Officers should, as far as possible,

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